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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, it is requested that the following references, which are also listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, be made of record in the above-identified case.

1. U.S. Patent No. 6,353,709 b1, dated March 5, 2002, issued to Miyazaki et al.;
2. U.S. Patent No. 5,868,666, dated February 9, 1999, issued to Okada et al.;
3. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 61-61586, published March 29, 1986 together with an English language abstract;

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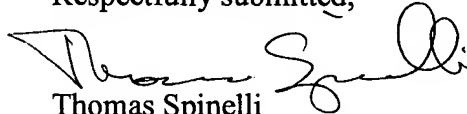

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4. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 7-184109, published July 21, 1995 together with an English language abstract;
5. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 2000-267166, published September 29, 2000 together with an English language abstract; and
6. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 4-245887, published September 2, 1992 together with an English language abstract.

Applicant is submitting copies of references 3-6. References 1 and 2 are not being submitted herewith, as copies of U.S. patents are no longer required per the waiver of 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(i) in effect as of June 30, 2003.

Inasmuch as this Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted in accordance with the schedule set out in 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), no statement or fee is required.

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